

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**MEMO ENDORSED**

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NIDAL AYYAD, :

Movant, :

- v - :

UNITED STATES, :

Respondent. :

93 Cr. 180 (LAK)  
16 Civ. 4346 (LAK)

**MOTION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY**

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Ayyad v United States, 16-cv-4346 (LAK), 93-cr-180 (LAK)

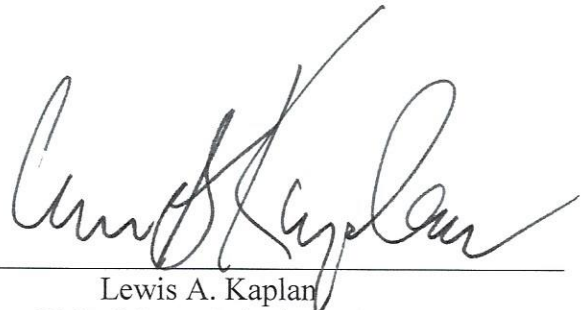
Movant seeks a certificate of appealability “on the question whether Ayyad was entitled to plenary resentencing upon the vacatur of his Count 10 conviction in light of United States v. Davis, 139 S. Ct. 2319 (2019).” 93-cr-180 Dkt 985, at 2.

AEDPA narrowly restricted the availability of appeals from denials of habeas corpus petitions and Section 2255 motions. It provides that “a COA may not issue unless ‘the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.’” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c). Movant, however, did not contend that when he sought a plenary resentencing that he was entitled to it as a matter of constitutional right. His motion for a COA does not do so now. He now does so only by quoting out of context from *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000), when in fact *Slack* makes abundantly clear that a COA should issue only upon “a substantial showing of the denial of a *constitutional* right.” *Id.* at 484 (emphasis added).

As there has been no such showing here, the motion for a certificate of appealability (93-cr-180 Dkt 985, 16-cv-4346 Dkt 19) is denied.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 29, 2020

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Lewis A. Kaplan  
United States District Judge